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RE: Response to summons
Civil Action No. AMD 02 CV 3987

CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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Dear Mr. Branch:

I am named as a defendant in the above summons. The summons alleges that as Acting Chairman or Chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology, Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System, I engaged in fraudulent billing practices. The summons alleges that the fraudulent billing practices occurred from October 1998 until October 2001. I reject these allegations for the following reasons.

- 1) I am not an anesthesiologist.
- 2) I have never been associated with a department of anesthesiology, and I have never been involved with billing the US Government for medical services.
- 3) I left the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1985 (i.e. well before the alleged fraudulent billing practices occurred). Since then, without interruption, I have an employee of the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.
- 4) I have never had any control over the workload of your client, Dr. Cooper. To the best of my knowledge, I have never met Dr. Cooper.

I hope this clarifies the matter and I will not get additional mailings of this nature from your office.

Sincerely,

Fritz Sieber, PhD
Professor of Pediatrics & Medicine

cc: Ms. Felicia C. Cannon, Clerk, United States District Court for the District of Maryland

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

U.S. Government, ex rel.

Dr. John Cooper

V.

Johns Hopkins Hospital and
Health System, et al

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE

AMD 02 CV 3987

TO: (Name and address of Defendant)

DR. FRITZ SIEBER
600 North Wolfe Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21287

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY (name and address)

David A. Branch
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Washington, D.C. 20009

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You must also file your answer with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable period of time after service.

Felicia C. Cannon

CLERK

Mary C Boyle

(By) DEPUTY CLERK

DATE

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